

GREAT FINAL BATTLE EXPLAINS AMERICA'S BIG WAR LOSSES

\$68,000,000,000 INDEMNITY TO BE ASKED BY FRANCE

Premiers Will Thresh Out Vital Points While President Is at Sea.

PARIS, Nov. 25 (Associated Press).—Premier Clemenceau's intended visit to London early in December doubtless will give him an opportunity to discuss a number of the more important issues to come before the Inter-Allied Conference and the Peace Congress with Premier Lloyd George, Foreign Secretary Balfour and other British leaders who are detained in England by the election campaign.

The main discussions appear to center around President Wilson's third point, which was accepted without reservation by the Allies, providing for the removal so far as possible of all economic barriers.

Freedom of the seas and compensation by Germany for all damages suffered by the Allies are two questions for further discussion and determination.

The second reserved point of the Allies—Germany to give compensation for all damages—appears generally to be accepted in principle, leaving only the question of the amount of claims by the various Allies to be settled. Non-official estimates place the French damages as upward of \$40,000,000,000 francs (\$68,000,000,000), including the return of the war indemnity paid Germany in 1870, with interest and expenses, and property losses during the present war.

The British claims will concern largely shipping losses and war expenses. Serbia, Belgium and Italy have had large property losses. Whether America's war expenses will be presented as a claim is not known. In some quarters it is held that the precedents established in the Boxer indemnity and in the Spanish War probably will prevail.

200,000 LETTERS ARRIVE.

Brooklyn's Biggest Mail From Soldiers Overseas Distributed.

The biggest consignment of overseas mail that ever was handled by the Brooklyn post office was received there this morning. It consisted of more than 200,000 letters from soldiers in France to their home folks.

Postmaster Burton assigned a special squad to sort and distribute the letters.

ITEMS IN THE WAR BILL THAT FRANCE WILL ASK GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO PAY

List Includes \$28,000,000,000 as the Cost of Hostilities and \$20,000,000 for Indemnities.

Le Matin of Paris has itemized the bill of France against Germany as follows:

Cost of the war.....	\$28,000,000,000
Reparation.....	20,000,000,000
Pensions.....	8,000,000,000
Return of the 1871 indemnity.....	1,000,000,000
Interest on same.....	11,000,000,000
Total.....	\$68,000,000,000

PERMANENT U. S. CONTROL OF RADIO STATIONS PLANNED

Administration Bill Provides for Purchase and Operation of All Used for Commercial Purposes.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Hearings will begin before the House Merchant Marine Committee Dec. 12 on an Administration Bill which provides for permanent Government control of radio communication through the purchase and operation of all shore stations in this country used for commercial purposes.

The bill makes provision for the handling of commercial business through the Federal plants, which would be operated by the Navy Department. Rates for such messages would be fixed by the Secretary of the Navy who also would provide special rates for press despatches. Development of wireless telegraphy by scientists would be encouraged.

The Navy Department has been operating all plants in the country since the nation entered the war. Department officials hold that a practical Government monopoly in radio communication is necessary in order that international agreements may be executed properly and that Government business, such as communication with the fleet at sea, shall not be interfered with through the operation of private plants.

PARIS LOOKS AMERICAN.

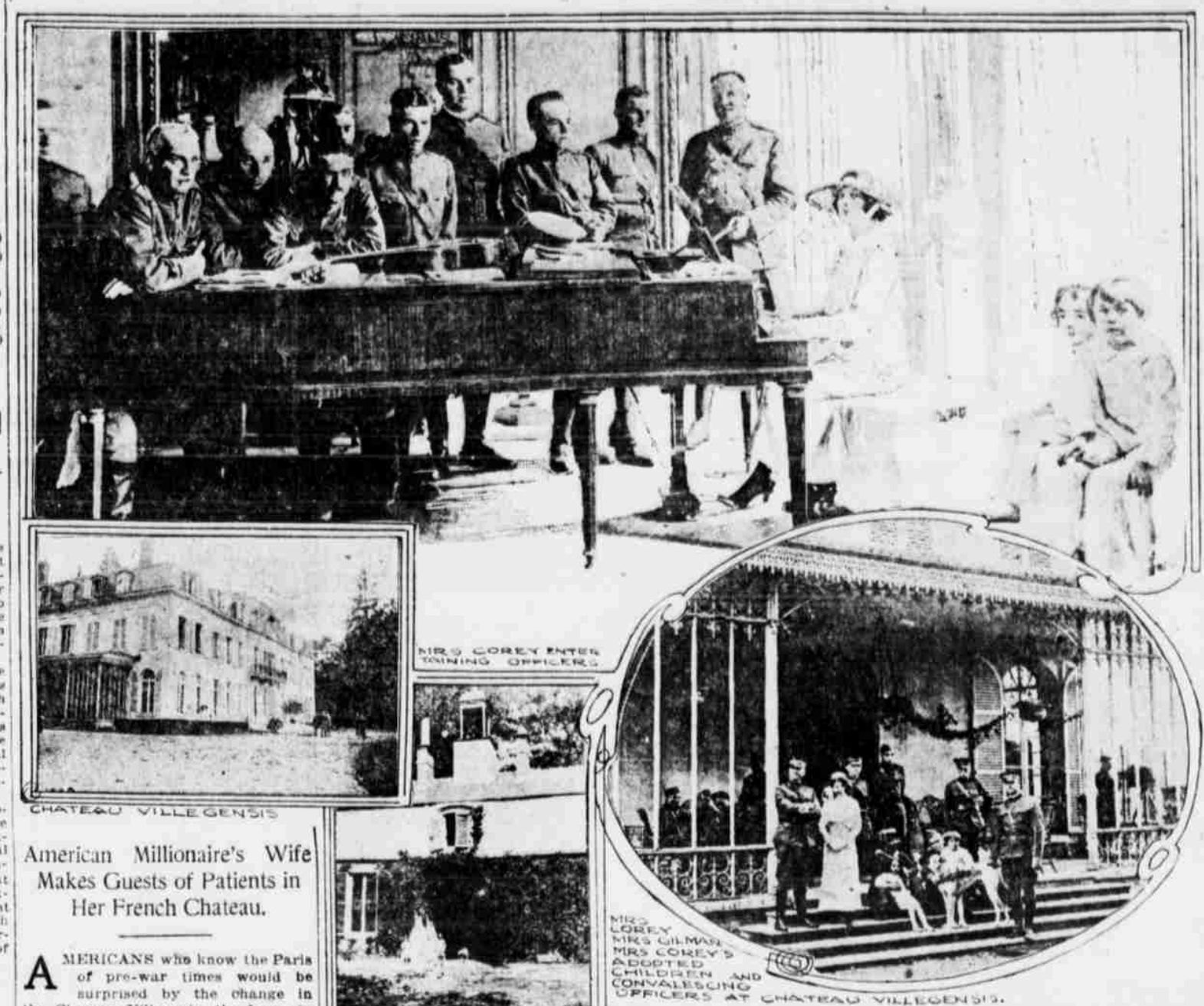
U. S. Soldiers and Civilians "Own" City, Consul Says.

Frederick Wirth Jr., American Vice Consul at Lucerne, Switzerland, who arrived in New York yesterday on the French liner Rochambeau, declared today that Paris looks like an American city. He was there the day the Kaiser abdicated, and said that United States troops and civilians "owned the town." Link in the arms of French men and women, they charged through the streets in football formation. They received ovations also the day the armistice was signed. Mr. Wirth declared that in every Allied Nation in Europe the American soldiers are idolized.

The Rochambeau sailed from Bordeaux on Nov. 13 and had a quiet, peace-time voyage, with all her lights blazing and her camouflage removed.

French General in Constantinople. PARIS, Nov. 25.—Gen. Franquet d'Espèrey entered Constantinople yesterday on the battleship Patrie, it was officially announced today. His staff of 23 officers accompanied him.

MRS. COREY'S "HOME" FOR CONVALESCENT OFFICERS



American Millionaire's Wife Makes Guests of Patients in Her French Chateau.

AMERICANS who know the Paris of pre-war times would be surprised by the change in the Chateau Villegeuse, the home in France of Mrs. William E. Corey, wife of the American steel magnate.

In the splendid grounds of the old chateau, American officers, wounded in battle, now are to be seen taking the air in wheel chairs, or hobbling about with canes and crutches.

The handsome rooms have been turned over to hospital uses and surgeons; nurses and orderlies have taken the place of fashionable men and women who formerly were guests at the chateau.

The chateau now is known officially as American Red Cross Officers' Convalescent Home No. 3, having been given by Mrs. Corey for the duration of the war and as long afterward as it may be needed for the comfort of the wounded.

The home has accommodations for sixty officers and is situated at Versailles, eighteen kilometers from Paris proper.

"BILL" DONOVAN, HERO OF THE OURCQ, WOUNDED IN ACTION

Lieutenant Colonel of Old 69th Recovering From Machine Gun Bullet in Knee.

Lieut. Col. William J. ("Wild Bill") Donovan, the hero of the Marne and the Ourcq and gallant leader of the 165th Infantry (Old 69th, New York), has been wounded and is in a base hospital near Paris. The first news of Col. Donovan's mishap comes from George Boothby of The World in a letter to an old pal in New York.

"I have just been over to a base hospital across the Seine River and spent three hours at the bedside of our old friend, Bill Donovan, who is now on the high road to recovery," writes George. "In recent fighting he was hit by a machine gun bullet which passed through the bone just below the knee. He is most cheerful and expects to be able to return to his command in about three weeks, but I doubt this somewhat."

"In another hospital is a slightly wounded boy by the name of Tom O'Kelly who sends his best love. Our old friend Mike Walsh was killed in the same battle in one of the toughest fights yet. I saw Father Duffy again a few days ago and he is in the best of health. He sends you his blessing."

Mike Walsh was Capt. M. J. Walsh of Company E, 165th, and news of his death was received here last week. The "toughest fight yet," mentioned by Mr. Boothby, was doubtless in the advance along the Meuse toward the German frontier.

It will be good news to the many friends of Father Duffy, the brave and gallant Chaplain of the old 69th, that he is in good health and with a whole skin. Numerous reports have been received here that he had been wounded.

Tom O'Kelly referred to went away from here with a corporal's chevrons in Company C of the 69th. He was the John McCormack of the regiment and could fight better than he could sing, which is saying a good deal for the "broth of a boy," who landed here from Ireland in time to get into the war.

Lieut. E. F. Korkus, son of Emil T. Korkus, lawyer, of No. 924 Broadway, Brooklyn, was wounded on Sept. 22, according to a telegram received by the father. In a letter dated Oct. 19, the young man does not mention being wounded.

"I have been engaged in a great battle and am now resting in the rear of the line," he wrote. "I came back with less than half of my company. All the officers of our platoon were

killed except the captain and myself. A bullet went through my shirt but I was not injured."

Lieut. Korkus who is 23 years old, was a student at Columbia Law School when he went to the first Plattsburg training camp. He was assigned to Company M, 310th Infantry, 78th Division. In Columbia he was the champion chess player.

Walter Hollis and his sister were brought up together in an orphan asylum where the kinship ties between them were strengthened by a community of loneliness and little sorrows and little joys. The war separated them last December, when Walter enlisted. When the armistice was signed, and the sister, Mrs. William Chariton, No. 191 Maple Avenue, Yonkers, wondered if he could possibly get home for Christmas. The Red Cross told her it was highly improbable, and she made up a Christmas package and mailed it yesterday. When she reached home Mrs. Chariton found a telegram from the War Department announcing that Corp. Walter Hollis, Company H, 35th Infantry, was killed in action on Oct. 8.

Corp. George J. Powell, 174 Central Avenue, wounded on June 23, in attempting to prevent the explosion of a truck load of ammunition, is now in a general hospital in New York. He is 25 years old and drafted in Oct., 1917, being a member of Company A, 202d Ammunition Train. He grabbed hold of a lighted fuse on a truck of ammunition and received many cuts and lost two fingers of his left hand. He lives with a cousin at No. 174 Central Avenue, Brooklyn.

HUNDREDS OF POLICEMEN FOR SOCIALIST RALLY

Ordered to Seize Any Red Flags on Street Before Garden Meeting To-Night.

Special precautions will be taken by the police to-night to prevent any outbreak at the scheduled meeting of Socialists to be held in Madison Square Garden. Inspector John J. Croy has issued instructions that no red flags may be carried on the streets. That if any are seen police will take them away from the bearers.

Inspector James J. Bolan announced that he would have a force of twenty-two extra Sergeants and 229 extra policemen, together with the usual squad of fifty patrolmen, sent to every large gathering. At least 100 detectives will be scattered through the crowd to see that there is no disturbance. The police are to have a corps of stenographers present to take notes of the speeches made and the District Attorney will also get a copy of the talks.

GREGORY HONORS WAR HERO.

Moves Veteran's Admission to Bar of Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The war was mentioned with the dignity of the Supreme Court today when Attorney General Gregory moved the admission to the bar of Capt. J. T. Watson of Seattle, who lost a leg in the Battle of the Argonne. Watson was formerly connected with the Department of Justice, of practicing attorney, makes the motion.

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HEAVY LOSSES IN LAST FIGHT MADE CASUALTIES GREAT

Washington Believes 27th Division Suffered Severely in Final Days of War.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—War Department officials frankly admit today that they were shocked at the final casualty figures cabled by Gen. Pershing. They are more especially disturbed over the fact that so many deaths remain to be officially reported.

Some army officers of high rank had hoped that additional reports of men killed in action or dead of wounds would not exceed 4,000, while the number in excess of those published yesterday actually is 13,556. The number of men who died of disease is stated by Gen. Pershing as 14,811, of whom only 7,367 had been published up to yesterday.

Deaths unclassified were given by Gen. Pershing as 2,294. It is assumed that these ordinarily are carried in the official lists as deaths from accidents and other causes of which 1,533 already have been published, leaving 671 yet to be listed.

If the figures cabled by Gen. Pershing include casualties among the marines, which officials assume to be the case, the total number of deaths yet to be listed is reduced from 21,671 to 20,307, the separate casualty list of the marines showing to date 1,364 deaths from all causes.

Surprise was expressed over the fact that Gen. Pershing gives the number of Americans taken prisoner and missing as 5,225, while lists published to date give 5,348 as missing, or 5,582, including marines, a reduction of 5,259. This will probably be explained on the ground that many Americans reported missing have since turned up. Officials are greatly pleased that so small a number of

Americans were taken prisoner. The total number of wounded carried in published lists to date, including 2,438 marines, is 46,925. This Gen. Pershing gives the number of wounded as 179,625, leaving 132,700 yet to be officially listed and published on this side. It is believed, however, that when all lists have been received they will show that the vast majority of the men received only minor or relatively slight wounds. The only explanation offered today for the wide discrepancy in the figures as reported by Gen. Pershing and the number published in official lists was that in the desperate fighting by the 1st Army in the Verdun sector for some time before the armistice was signed, our casualties were much heavier than at any previous time. It is believed the 27th (New York) and the 30th (North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and New York) Divisions, which were with the British in Picardy, also suffered severely in the closing days. The War Department has received confirmation of the many reports that particular units had been virtually annihilated in action.

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